

# Possessive Pronoun

## Possessive Pronoun :

Possessive pronouns are a type of pronoun that indicates ownership or possession. They replace a noun phrase, eliminating the need to repeat the owner's name or noun.

## List of Possessive Pronouns :

### A. Singular Possessive Pronouns

- **First person:** mine
- **Second person:** yours
- **Third person (masculine):** his
- **Third person (feminine):** hers

### B. Plural Possessive Pronouns

- **First person:** ours
- **Second person:** yours
- **Third person:** theirs



## Usage and Rules :

- A. Replacing the noun:** Possessive pronouns take the place of a noun phrase.  
Example: That book is mine. (instead of "That book is my book.")
- B. Agreement with antecedent:** The possessive pronoun must agree in gender and number with the antecedent (the noun being replaced).  
Example: Jane found her purse, but the wallet is not hers.
- C. No apostrophes:** Possessive pronouns do not require apostrophes to show possession.  
**Incorrect:** That car is her's. **Correct:** That car is hers.

## Contrasting with Possessive Adjectives :

- A. Definition:** Possessive adjectives are used to modify a noun, showing ownership.
- B. List:** my, your, his, her, its, our, their
- C. Usage:** Possessive adjectives are followed by a noun, while possessive pronouns stand alone.

Example: That's my book. (possessive adjective) / That book is mine. (possessive pronoun)

## Common Mistakes :

### A. Confusing possessive pronouns with contractions

**It's vs. its:** "It's" is a contraction of "it is" or "it has," while "its" is a possessive adjective.

**You're vs. your:** "You're" is a contraction of "you are," while "your" is a possessive adjective.

### B. Misusing "their" and "theirs"

"Their" is a possessive adjective, while "theirs" is a possessive pronoun.

Example: Their car is parked outside. / The car parked outside is theirs.